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Jordan Hamilton goes up for a shot against Rodney McGruder and Curtis Kelley with Jordan Henriquez-Roberts approaching. McGruder led the Wildcats, with 22 points, to their first road victory over a Top 10 team since 1994.

K-State extends win streak to five games, two Top 10

Ashley Dunkak sports editor

The Wildcats and No. 8 Longhorns gave ESPN's Big Monday a competitive game, and K-State left Austin, Texas victorious by a score of 75-70. It was the fifth straight victory for the Wildcats, and the first road win over a top 10 team since 1994.

Texas forward Tristan Thompson led all scorers with 26 points (and also had 10 rebounds), but that wasn't enough to get the Longhorns the victory. K-State senior guard Jacob Pullen, who scored only four points in the first half, finished the game with 20 points, including seven crucial free throws. Several of those scores and most of the free throws took place despite an injury to his hand after landing on it after a shot attempt.

Pullen, however, wasn't even the leading scorer for the Wildcats. That distinction belonged to sophomore guard Rodney McGruder, who amassed 22 points and went 4-of-6

he game, but from there the Longhorns led until a 7-0 K-State run tied the score at 23. Texas got back on top, however, and led 33-31 at halftime.

In the first half, the scoring distribution of the teams turned out a bit differently than might have been expected. As mentioned, Pullen scored only four points, and Jordan Hamilton, who had been the Longhorns' leading scorer coming into the game, had only three points.

Instead, Thompson led all scorers with 18 points at the half. The freshman from Ontario, Canada, had the advantage in one-on-one situations and went 7-of-11 from the field and 4-of-5 from the free-throw line. Overall, however, the Wildcats defended effectively; no one else on the Texas roster had more than five points.

K-State senior forward Curtis Kelly had nine points and five rebounds, and McGruder followed closely behind with eight points and four rebounds. Seven-footer Jordan

Henriquez-Roberts made an impact The Wildcats went up 4-0 to start in the paint as well, contributing six points and four rebounds in the first 20 minutes. The Wildcats' frontcourt battled well against the physical Texas front line, and 14 of K-State's first 18 points came from the forwards.

In the first half, the Longhorns outrebounded the Wildcats 21-17. They especially had the advantage on the offensive glass, where they snagged 10 boards to K-State's four and used those extra opportunities for baskets. Texas' defensive rebounds also hurt the Wildcats, as they limited the second-chance shot attempts and forced K-State to run with the Longhorns in transition.

The Wildcats got off to a fast start in the second half, taking a 39-33 lead thanks to an 8-0 run courtesy of Kelly and McGruder. After that, Pullen began to get back in his groove, sinking three baskets in the minutes after that run. Foul trouble hit the Wildcats hard, though, as officials whistled Kelly, Samuels and Henriquez-Roberts for their third fouls only halfway

through the second half.

By the 7:36 mark, both Samuels d Henriquez-Roberts had four fouls. With five minutes to play, Kelly was in the same situation. În a game with so much action in the paint, that made life a bit more difficult for the Wildcats. Kelly fouled out with 15 points and 8 rebounds, and Henriquez-Roberts did likewise with 8 points and 8 rebounds.

Hamilton turned it on in the second half and finished with 14 points and nine rebounds, but the guy who really kept the Longhorns in the game until the very end was sophomore guard J'Covan Brown, who scored seven points in the last minute of the game to give his team a prayer.

While Texas had a four-rebound advantage at the end of the game, the Wildcats shot 50 percent from the floor while holding the Longhorns to 33.8 percent shooting.
Once again, a K-State sports team

gave credence to the popular phrase, "We own Texas."

New online paralegal program

Seven-week courses allows students to work at own pace

Sam Diederich news editor

K-State's Division of Continuing Education is partnering with the Center for Legal Studies to offer certification courses for individuals interested in becoming paralegals. The courses, which are all online, are meant to provide job-specific

"They are really for people who want training in a specific area and they can get it much quicker than if you are working on a degree program," said Melinda Sinn, marketing and communications coordinator for the Division of Continuing Education. "This is specific for someone who wants to get into a specific professional area

Courses, which range from legal research and writing to intellectual property law, run for seven-week periods year-round. David Stewart, assistant dean of continuing education, said the online courses allow students to work at their own pace.

"It's self-paced, meaning you can complete the requirements of the course at your own pace rather than having your own particular class meeting schedule," Stewart said. "So for someone that wants to invest more time in a shorter schedule, they are going to be able to complete the requirements sooner than if they had to take it as a scheduled class."

Stewart said the program is an opportunity for individuals of all backgrounds to move directly into a professional field.

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Primary elections begin today

Campus voting will run until Wednesday evening

Sam Diederich

The first round of reckoning has arrived for students campaigning for student government positions for the 2011-12 academic year. Voting for primary elections begins today at 8 a.m. and will run until 6 p.m. Wednesday.

Kathleen Sexton, senior in secondary education and elections commissioner, said she hopes the primary election will bring an increase in voter turnout.

"I hope students know the value of their vote," Sexton said. "SGA has such a large role on campus. Between the two legislative branches, they really are the voice of students on campus. They make decisions that not only financially impact the university, but also programmatically."
Sexton said SGA has been work-

ing during the semester to increase student turnout during elections. Last year's presidential primary tallied 3,053 votes.

"SGA has made a really strong effort to inform students about the fact that the SGA elections are coming up," Sexton said. "I hope, because of their effort, the voter turnout will be up."

Though today's voting is only the primary stage of the election process, Sexton said the first election serves an important purpose

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Clarinet recital of different composers pleases audience

Prestigious artist comes to K-State, performs at chapel

Austin Enns coverage editor

Monday night, while many students were watching the K-State men's basketball team play Texas, a far smaller crowd of people gathered in All Faiths Chapel to watch a guest performer play the clarinet along with an accompanist on the piano. Despite having less people, there was still an enthusiastic response to the reputable performers.

Julia Heinen, professor at California State University Northridge and guest clarinetist, and Dmitry Rachmanov, the guest pianist also a professor from California State University Northridge, played for about an hour and a half for a crowd of about thirty people.

Tod Kerstetter, professor in music, said K-State was very fortunate to have Heinen play here. Kerstetter said Heinen was a prestigious clarinet player.
"The interesting thing about her is she is this summer's host for the inter-

national clarinet association's 'clarinet-Fest," Kersetter said. Kersetter said Heinen was able to

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play at K-State because she was already in the region.

'She contacted me, she's playing a lot of concerts in the area and she wanted to know if she could play here," Kerstetter said. "Buffet Clarinets is sponsoring

Heinen spoke briefly near the beginning of her performance to give the audience some background on a couple of the pieces she played right before the

"These are rather unusual pieces by the composer Carlos Guastavino," Heinen said. "He actually heard a clarinetist play and was so inspired he wrote the pieces."

Heinen and Rachmanov played

seven different compositions by six dif-ferent composers. Heinen ended the concert with a solo to resounding ap-Annika Schnieder, freshman in music education, said she came to the concert partially to fulfill a requirement

for her major, and partially to improve her musical skills. 'I am taking lessons in piano from Dr. Houser, and she emailed us Dr. Rachmanov's credentials and said he'd be a good pianist to watch," Schnieder

The clarinetist is good too." Beth Vacanti, Manhattan resident,



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Julia Heinen plays the clarinet at the All Faiths Chapel during a concert planned by the department of music.

said she and her husband came even though they had not heard about the reputable performer.

'I like music, I had to drag him along but I enjoy music," Vacanti said. "It was

beautiful, real smooth, it was great." Vacanti and her husband were two of the few non-students in the crowd, and many of the students there were major-

ing in music.

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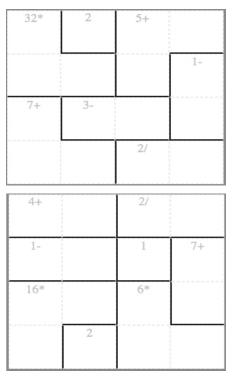


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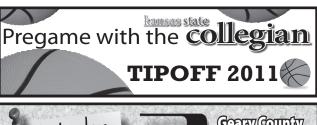
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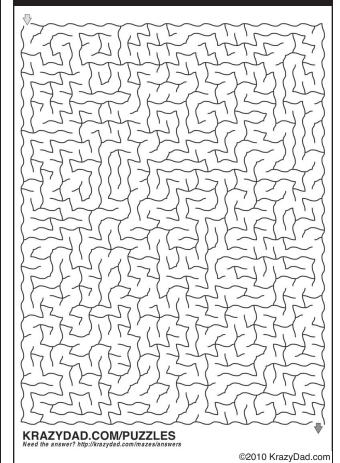




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Ryann Krais (left), junior in combined events, **Denise Baker** (middle), senior in sprints/hurdles and **Angela Hart** (right), freshman in sprints, sprint toward the finish line during the women's 60 meter hurdles in Ahearn Field House during the KSU Open meet on Feb. 18.

Athletes stand out at Big 12 championships

Justin Nutter sports editor

It was a weekend full of top 10 finishes for the K-State track and field team as the men's and women's squads battled to eighth and ninth place finishes, respectively, at the Big 12 Indoor Championships at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

K-State wasn't able to claim any event titles on Friday, but the Wildcats had plenty of athletes figure into the team's final scoring. Ryann Krais racked up 4,009 points in the women's heptathlon to finish second and earn eight points for her

The tandem of Kyle Hanson, Ben Love, Adam Porter and Jacob Davies also picked up eight points for K-State when they finished second in the men's distance medley relay. The group crossed the finish line in 9:49.23 — less than one second behind first-place

finisher Baylor. The men's DMR was phenomenal," coach Cliff Rovelto said. "Kyle Hanson, I don't know where that comes from. He just ran fantastic, and then Adam Porter ran fantastic. Really, all four guys ran really well. That's the fastest that Ben (Love) has run. Jacob Davies has been struggling a little bit. He's not the kind of guy that's really comfortable running from the front, so he did a good job to hang in there."

Other top 10 finishers on Friday included Nina Kokot, who finished third in the women's long jump, as well as throwers Ali Pistora and Chelsie Bonds. The duo finished sixth and seventh in the women's weight throw, respectively.

Saturday morning marked the conclusion of one of the meet's most heated competitions in the men's heptathlon. Wildcat athletes Mantas Silkauskas and Moritz Cleve both competed in the event and found themselves in a tight battle with Nebraska's Bjorn Barrefors and Missouri's Lars Rise. Silkauskas finished third and Cleve finished fourth, but the top four spots were separated by just 197 points.

"As it ended up, those first four guys are all ranked in the top six or seven nationally," Rovelto said. "It's pretty good stuff. To be quite honest, the guy that won is kind of who I thought would win. It pretty much ended up the way you would expect it to go. I thought all four of those guys had really good

K-State picked up its only event title of the meet when Erik Kynard, Jr., won the men's high jump on Saturday. The sophomore, who currently ranks No. 1 in the nation, defeated the rest of the field by two full jumps and topped out at the NCAA automatic qualifying height

of 7-4.25. Rovelto said that while Kynard has recorded higher jumps this season, there is some added pressure when every other competitor has already been eliminated.

"It's hard to jump high by yourself. It really is," he said. "It's one thing when you're against other people and you're really dialed in. But when you're by yourself and the competition is over, it's difficult to maintain the

same level of concentration.' A trio of K-Staters earned third place finishes in individual events, including Boglarka Bozzay in the women's 1,000-meter, Sam James in the men's 800-meter and Jeffrey Julmis in the men's 60-meter hurdles.

Rovelto said it was a particularly good day for Julmis, who let out a victorious yell when the final results were displayed. He also said the indoor campaign has been a long ride for the 2010 All-American, who dealt with several injury-related issues during the offseason.

"It wasn't that long ago that we didn't even know if (Julmis) would be able to run indoors," Rovelto said. After the surgery, we didn't know how the rehab would go. Then he had a blood clot and missed a month of training. Really, it's a miracle that he's able to be running right now, let alone running as fast

K-State picked up three more top 10 finishes before the end of the day. Martina Tresch came from behind late to finish fifth in the women's 3,000-meter run, Denise Baker capped off her final collegiate season with a sixth-place finish in the women's 60-meter hurdles and Meghan Heuer used a late burst of speed to finish sixth in the women's onemile run.

In total, the Wildcat men accumulated 42.5 points, while the women racked up 35 points at the two-day meet. Texas A&M claimed the men's overall title, while the women's championship went to tournament host Nebraska.

After a two-week break, the Wildcats' top athletes will return to competition at the NCAA Indoor Championships on March 11-12 at College Station, Texas.

Thomas' hamstring injury still a concern



Daniel Thomas' injuryplagued winter is now becoming a growing concern for the running back who starred at K-State. Thomas was forced to sit out both the Senior Bowl and the NFL Scouting Combine due to issues with his left hamstring.

Many analysts have Thomas as the second- or third-rated running back available in the draft, with his size and durability being his key attributes. However, his durability is now being brought into question. There is no doubt about his size, though; last Friday Thomas weighed in at 230 pounds and measured an even six feet at the Combine.

Thomas is an incredible prospect with high upside and the ability to become successful in the NFL. He is able to carry a team's workload on his back without complaining. He rarely goes down after first contact and grinds out yard after yard. His character has no public flaws to date, so teams are not taking a risk on him being a distraction. His durability, though, could hurt

"Larry Johnson in his prime," is how Thomas once compared himself. Minus the character issues that plagued Johnson's career as a member of the Kansas City Chiefs and eventually forced his exile, his comparison could be dead-on accurate, both positively and negatively.

On the plus side, Johnson's size and workmanship carried the Chiefs for a season, as he had 416 carries in 2006. Johnson also had two consecutive 1,700-yard rushing seasons with the Chiefs, both impressive numbers. At K-State, Thomas has carried the loa the past two seasons for the Wildcats' offense. Thomas had two straight years with a high volume of carries, and rushed for more than 1,200 yards in both seasons. Johnson is also 6 feet 1 inch and 230 pounds, which is nearly identical to Thomas.

However, after Johnson carried the load for two seasons with the Chiefs, he seemed burned out. In 2007, he was injured in week nine against the Green Bay Packers and was forced to sit out the rest of the year on the injured reserve list. Then, in 2008 and 2009 - two seasons that were sidetracked by off-field issues — Johnson finished with fewer than 200 carries.

As for Thomas, the high number of carries and yards he accumulated as a member of the Wildcats are highly unlikely to have burnt him out. He is still young and has been carrying this type of workload his whole career. However, a lingering hamstring issue will raise questions in the eyes of

NFL scouts. Thomas will have a chance to shake the cobwebs off this injury at K-State's Pro Day on March 15. He can prove once and for all that he has the potential to be an elite running back in the NFL. The only downfall is, unlike all the prospects that participated in the Combine and the Senior Bowl, he will only have one shot to prove it.

In the end though, based on how he performed under pressure here at K-State, expect Thomas to prove himself worthy of being selected as one of the top running backs in April's NFL draft.

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Equestrian nearly upsets No. 1 Aggies at home

Justin Nutter sports editor

During the fall portion of the 2010-11 season, the K-State equestrian team was handed one of its most lopsided losses of the year at No. 1 Texas A&M. Over the weekend, the Aggies made a return trip to Manhattan with their perfect record still intact. While the Wildcats' upset bid came up just short in round two, they did plenty to put a scare into the nation's top-ranked team.

K-State defeated A&M in the western portion of the one-day competition, but dropped a 10-9 overall decision to the Aggies at Timber Creek Stables on Saturday.

"This weekend was the most confident we've been all semester," coach Casie Lisabeth said. "It's just gotten better and better. It's got to develop and we'll get better each competition. We saw how much better we had to be to even compete with them, but it didn't change anything we were doing in practice. It just made us kind of push it a little bit harder." The meet opened with the

horsemanship competition, which K-State won, 4-1. Texas A&M was able to narrow that deficit in the reining side of the meet, but the Wildcats rode their hot start to a 5-4 western victory. They were paced by freshman Kelly Bovaird, who defeated Aggie rider Carey Nowacek, 74-

"We had such a good lead horsemanship that we were able to keep that win on



Amelia Crites riding Rambo in the Western event at Saturday's equestrian meet against Texas A&M.

the western side," Lisabeth said. "The horsemanship riders really did what they were trained to do this weekend."

Sophomore Kali Yates and iunior Stephanie Patterson enjoyed strong showings and earned individual wins in the hunter seat competition, but the

Wildcats weren't able to beat out the Aggies and lost that portion of the competition 6-4 to drop the meet.

Following the competition, Most Valuable Player honors were awarded to Bovaird, Yates and Patterson for their individual achievements. Lisabeth said

the honors were well deserved and she was proud of the way the trio represented their squad.

"It wasn't even a hard decision on who to pick," she said. "They really stood out among the whole class and really rode everything pretty close to perfect. It was a great confidence

boost for them and great to watch them set a good example

for their team." Saturday marked the Wildcats' final competition of the month. They will be back in action when they welcome Auburn to Manhattan for a oneday competition on March 11.

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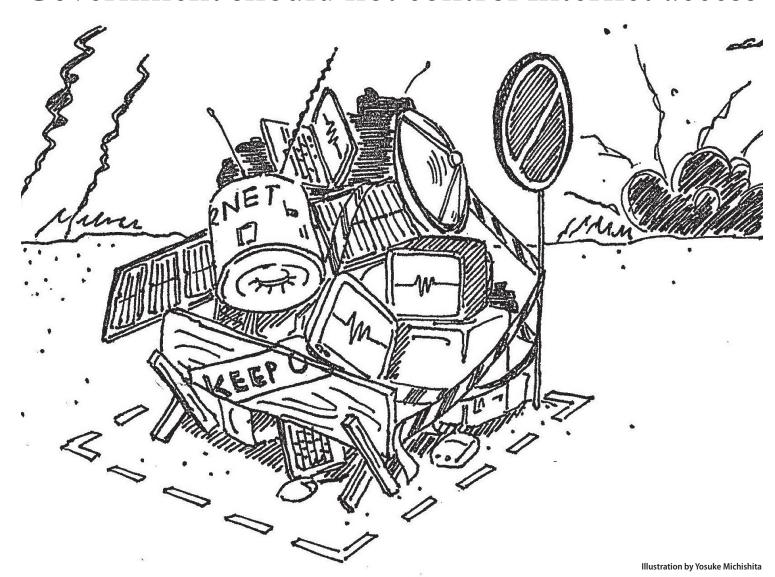
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Government should not control Internet access



lan Huyett

In the event of a national emergency, the president should be able to shut off access to the Internet for our safety. Yeah, it doesn't make sense to me either. But that seems to be the argument behind S.3480, the Protecting Cyberspace as a National Asset Act, a 197-page bill that would grant the government vast new powers over the Internet in the name of cybersecurity.

If you're wondering why our elected officials might want the ability to stop Americans from communicating with each other, you need only look to Egypt. There, a wave of protests, organized largely over Facebook, has unseated the nation's tyrannical ruler. In an effort to quell the protests, Egypt's government disconnected 80 service providers at 5:20 p.m. on Jan. 17, according to a Jan. 28 Arbor Networks article. The entire country was virtually

shut off from the Internet.

S.3480, sponsored by Senator Joseph Lieberman, would give the president the power to do just that. In an Aug. 11, 2010, column, lawyer and Time writer Adam Cohen wrote, "Imagine a President misusing this particular power: If the people are rising up against an unpopular administration, the president could cool things down by shutting off a large swath of the Internet."

Lieberman insists the bill is not intended to stifle free speech. Yet Lieberman, the former running mate of Al Gore, has a long record of advancing Orwellian policies aimed at expanding the government and trampling personal liberty. Lieberman has held congressional hearings on offensive music, tried to amend the Espionage Act to prosecute WikiLeaks and has been a staunch advocate of the Patriot Act. Lieberman is a longtime supporter of "Christians United for Israel" which overtly advocates a preemptive military strike against Iran.

When Lieberman defended his bill in a June 20, 2010, interview with CNN, he cited China as an example of good cybersecurity. "Right now China, the government, can disconnect parts of its Internet in case of war," Lieberman said. "We need to have that here too." China's draconian control of the

China's draconian control of the Internet has little to do with war; in June 2009, the Chinese government completely shut down the Internet across northwestern Xinjiang to silence a wave of dissent, according to a May 14, 2010, article in the Guardian.

It's difficult to think of a scenario where shutting off major Internet providers would make Americans safer. If "cyber terrorists" want to shut down our infrastructure, we'll respond by shutting down our infrastructure?

On the other hand, it's easy to think of ways in which, as in Egypt and China, an oppressive government could abuse this power to stem the free flow of information and ideas.

The bill would work by creating a new agency within the Department of Homeland Security, the National Center for Cybersecurity and Communications, or NCCC. If the president decided to shut off Internet access, any private company reliant on the Internet would become "subject to command" by the NCCC, and would be required to "immediately comply with any

emergency measure or action," including "information sharing," or else face charges, according to a June 17, 2010, article in the Huff-

ington Post.

FDR's Communications Act of 1934 already gives the president the authority to shut down "wire communications" during "a state or threat of war." The new bill, however, would remove this precondition. The president could pull the plug on Internet providers whenever he deemed it necessary.

Short of an armed populace, the Internet is an oppressive government's worst fear. It allows for a nearly limitless amount of simultaneous speech and makes total surveillance and regulation next to impossible. The governments of Egypt and China would not have shut it down if it weren't vastly more difficult to manage and control it.

Americans can use the Internet as a vital tool to safeguard our inalienable rights. Or, as in Egypt and China, we can allow the government to assume control of it under the pretext of taking care of us.

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Obama administration finally fulfilling gay rights promises



With his recent decisions to end "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and stop defending the Defense of Marriage Act, President Barack Obama seems to be finally fulfilling the promises he made on the campaign trail all those years ago about gay rights.

It's about time.

Before he became president, Obama, in a Dec. 18, 2008 press conference said, "I think that it is no secret that I am a fierce advocate for equality for gay and lesbian Americans." Since then, advocates for gay rights have consistently asked "where's that fierce advocate?" and, until very recently, he was nowhere to be found.

That's why I say it's about time that Obama has finally changed his course on those two very important issues: "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and the Defense of Marriage Act. These two laws epitomize the legal discrimination against gays and lesbians in this country, and their repeal will be very much welcomed by many people, especially the gay rights community.

First was Obama's repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" with the help of Congress. On Dec. 22, Obama signed

the law that would end the 17-year-old legislation and allow gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military. At the signing ceremony, according to White House transcripts on whitehouse. gov, Obama summed up the momentous occasion better than I ever could: "I say to all Americans, gay or straight, who want nothing more than to defend this country in uniform, your country needs you, your country wants you and we will be honored to welcome you into the ranks of the finest military the world has ever known."

Though the law will take a while to implement, the heads of the different branches of the military have moved forward with the policy change with professionalism. Defense Secretary Robert Gates and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Mike Mullen have both announced their plans to enforce the new policy at every level of the military.

Meanwhile, in a Feb. 23 New York Times article by Charlie Savage and Sheryl Gay Stolberg, the Obama administration announced that it will no longer defend the Defense of Marriage Act in courts, meaning that any cases brought against it will likely find little resistance. The law, as it stands now, says that no state must recognize the legal status of gay and lesbian marriages performed in other states. Therefore, if I hypothetically married a man in Iowa, the state of Kansas would have no legal obligation to treat me as a married person here. I would receive none of the benefits of marriage or any of the rights afforded

to married couples.
Obviously, the Obama administration thinks that the Full Faith and Credit Clause in Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution actually stands as law. Crazy, right? This part of the Constitution states that "Full Faith and Credit shall be given in each State to the public Acts, Re-

cords, and judicial proceedings of every other State."
The Full Faith and Credit Clause was part of the issue

clause was part of the issue in Finstuen v. Crutcher, where a federal court ruled that a gay couple who adopted a child in one state were the child's legal guardians in every state. But with the Defense of Marriage Act, a gay couple could get married and adopt a child, yet only have half of that equation recognized by most state governments. This level of discrimination and hypocrisy demands that the law, and

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others like it, be repealed.
And of course, individual states are increasingly legalizing gay and lesbian marriages through legislation and court decisions. Maryland may soon become the next example. But without a concerted effort at the federal level to overturn the legal bias against the gay community, we can have little hope of making any progress.

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State makes alterations to proposed pay cuts, saves \$900,000

Board of Regents rejects original plan

Jessica Tracz

With cuts being made across the board nationally, it shouldn't come as a surprise that Kansas is trying to make some cuts of its

Last month, Republicans in the Kansas House of Representatives proposed a 7.5 percent pay cut for all state employees

and elected officials. It would only be in effect until June 30, the end of this fiscal year. The proposed cuts would not only cut salaries, but would also cut state aid to public schools.

Representative Pete DeGraaf, R-Mulvane, developed the proposed pay cut. DeGraaf said the cuts would help with an esti-mated \$550 million in revenue shortfall for the upcoming fiscal year. Even though it would be tough, he argued that during the recession many people lost their jobs and took pay cuts.

The House budget panel approved the cut before being sent to the full House for consideration. If passed, the cuts would have saved an estimated \$8 million in the current budget year.

However, after much uprising from state employees, and Democratic leaders arguing the plan would hurt low and middle income Kansans, Republicans backed off of their original proposal and altered the bill. The new plan would cut salaries by 7.5 percent of only elected officials and state employees that

make more than \$100,000 annually. The revised plan saves the state a little more than \$900,000 in the current fiscal year, leaving an estimated \$3.6 million to be applied to next year's budget.

The Kansas Board of Regents has rejected the plan and has made their position known regarding the issue. They are concerned that top university researchers will find work elsewhere if salaries are cut. The budget proposal would affect about 1,500 employees at regents universities.

Ron Trewyn, vice president for research at K-State, said he tries not to focus much attention on bills that are proposed during the legislative session. He said this is because there may be little relationship to what is actually enacted.

"Even when something is passed by one chamber, it may not be by the other or it may not be signed by the governor," Trewyn said.

Board of Regents Chairman Gary Sherrer of Overland Park, Kan., has also been quoted regarding the pay cuts. He said economic problems should be fixed by getting "intellectually smart people," and that it will be difficult to retain quality employees if their pay is getting cut for doing something well.

The State Senate passed the bill cutting general aid to school districts and pay for statewide elected officials on Feb. 14. Whatever money is left in the state's budget at the end of this fiscal year will be used to cushion the blow of next year's expected revenue shortfall.

ELECTIONS Primary

kicks off voting

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for candidates.

"It's important because it gives candidates reaction on where they stand and the ability to know how to develop a thought process coming into the general election," Sexton said.

The primary election also provides the student body with the opportunity to write in candidates that are not included on

This year's student body president race includes only two candidates, which means candidates John Grice, senior in political science, and Nate Spriggs, junior in agricultural economics, will both automatically advance to the general election.

The primary election can serve as a measuring stick for candidates, but winning the first round of elections does not always guarantee victory in the general election. The last two presidential campaigns to win the primary election went on to lose the general election. However, since the 2000 election, only three presidential campaigns have followed victories in the primary election with a loss in the general election.

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ConnectingWe will work alongside President Schulz's 2025 plan to increase our freshman and sophomore retention rates by giving them opportunities to become engaged within the KSU community. Our plan is to compile detailed information about each KSU student organization and activity that will form a database. Students would then participate in a survey that would generate a suggestive list of four to five compatible organizations and activities from this database that are tailored to the interests of that individual student.

Developing

We want to increase the desirability of KSU students to employers upon graduation. By combining the resources of the Career and **Employment Services, and putting** into use our extensive connections through the Alumni Center, we will seek to increase the amount of available internships and under $graduate\ research\ \dot{o}pportunities.$ Looking at each department on a case-by-case basis and encouraging for this push for a higher rate of out of the classroom experience will produce an environment that markets and brands KSU graduates better than ever before.

PROGRAM | Paralegal jobs to increase

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"There are no requirements to take the courses. Of course, if you have a more educational background, you will be more equipped to work through the courses," Stewart said. "It's a program that helps folks move into the workforce and that's the

primary advantage."

According to the United States Department of Labor, employment of paralegals is expected to increase by 28 percent between 2008 and 2018. In May 2008, full-time wage-and-salary paralegals earned more than \$46,000. Stewart said certification as a paralegal can improve employment prospects.

"We certainly expect and know that it will increase their odds of finding employment," Stewart said. "It's not a degree program. It's training focused on a particular set of skills rather than a complete degree program so that people are able to move through the course and join the job market."



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Classroom Updates

President Schulz's K-State 2025 plan calls for classroom renovations and technology updates within the next 15 years; currently no students are involved in the renovation planning. We are committed to placing several student representatives on the Technology Classroom Committee to ensure the student voice is heard. In addition, we plan to create interactive online surveys that would allow students to prioritize the order in which classrooms are updated. An affordable, highquality classroom experience is a priority.

Student Safety

The emergency blue light system on campus is a great feature we have here at K-State; however, Mary Todd, director of the K-State Women's Center, has said, "Most on-campus incidents happen within academic buildings, not outside."To address this need, we plan to implement Safety Information Centers in hightraffic buildings on campus, such as Hale Library and the Union. These will allow two-way communication between students and campus police directly from inside the building. Maintaining K-State's position as one of the most affordable and safest universities in the Big 12 is important.

Campus Entertainment

Affordability is a priority, not just in the classroom, but outside of it as well. In the past, K-State has had the opportunity to bring in big-name acts, such as Will Ferrell. However, as budgets continue to shrink, those opportunities have become more limited. We plan to create a student membership program specific to entertainment; similar to the athletic department's ICAT program, but with KSU Theatre, McCain Auditorium and the Union Program Council. Students who join the program would gain access to free-entry opportunities, advance ticket purchases and discounted prices to any events those programs may sponsor.

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